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# Corporate Experience

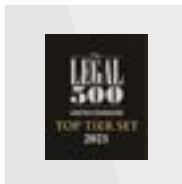
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# Another Successful Year for The Corporate Team

Our Corporate team move into 2022 in a confident mood after a successful year advising on deals to the value of half a billion.

The team's experience and transactions span a variety of sectors, including healthcare, pharmaceuticals, food and technology, with over 40 major deals completed throughout 2021.

The results bear out a busy year, despite the challenges of Covid-19 and continued market disruption and reflect the team's specialist skills and in-depth market knowledge.



“Inward investment and M&A activity is growing and, with technology and life science start-ups turning towards new funding models, we’re very excited about 2022.

Our ambitions remain the same; to help even more companies realise their full potential.”

Debra Martin

“2021 was an exceptional year for us, completing major transactions for long-standing and new clients alike.

Delivering a great result for our clients is our primary focus, and it’s rewarding to see UK corporates growing during such challenging times.”

Andrew Morris

“Just a well organised and professional service.”

Legal 500, 2021



# Highlights 2021

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Significant high profile investment deals both in the UK and overseas with deal values totalling **half a billion pounds.**

**Further growth of Employee Ownership Trusts (EOTs)** confirms our pre-eminent position in the marketplace.

**Senior hires** expanding our team's skills and capacity.

**Over 40 major transactions** across all major markets and jurisdictions.





# Deal Highlights

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Throughout 2021, our Corporate and Banking & Finance teams advised businesses, entrepreneurs and management teams in the UK and internationally on a range of cross-border acquisitions and disposals, complex restructures, funding options and joint ventures.

## **BioCity Group** Landmark Acquisition

Advising life sciences incubator BioCity, a long-standing client, on **£120 million acquisition** by Trinity Investment Management and Harrison Street Real Estate Capital to form new company We are Pioneer Group in a landmark deal.

## **LDC International Group** Significant acquisition of Capestone Poultry

Advising **major European food producer** LDC International Group on its landmark acquisition of a majority share of Capestone Poultry, representing their first investment in the UK.

## **Pennine Healthcare** Employment Ownership Trust


Advising a manufacturer of medical devices, Pennine Healthcare, on setting up and facilitating an Employee Ownership Trust (EOT) for a **200-strong workforce** to help safeguard UK manufacturing.

## **Trekitt** Sale of outdoor retail specialist

Advising outdoor retail specialist Trekitt on its sale to Frilufts Retail Europe, a Switzerland-based Fenix Outdoor International subsidiary listed on the **Stockholm Stock Exchange**.

## **EMB Group** Sale of two strategically important brands

Advising consultancy, accreditation and risk management business EMB group on the sale of two strategically important brands, Ascentor and ACM-CCAS, to Amtivo Group, a management system certification specialist.



**“Geldards have a very capable array of personnel and are always my first choice no matter what the issue.”**

Chambers & Partners, 2021





# The Geldards Team

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## Our Practice Heads

Our team advises organisations and owners on all aspects of corporate deals, including M&As, MBOs & MBIs, Corporate Restructuring, Banking & Financing, Private Equity & Venture Capital and Tax.



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